

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0078

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # H-023 - Water Pump House {Current}
Property Date: 1948
Address(s): Cartlidge Drive {}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Shed	Wood	Roof - Not visible
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Concrete	Structural System - Block
Windows	Windows - Sash	Wood	Windows - 6/6

Site Description: The structure is east of Cartlidge Drive behind H-17 (001-0027-0074).

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Pump House	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Pump House

Est. Date of Construction: 1948 {Owner/written data}

Accessed? Yes

Primary Resource? Yes

Number of Stories: 1.0

Architectural Style: Other

Condition: Good

Interior Plan Type: Other

Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The structure sits atop a poured concrete slab foundation and has a wood shed roof that overhangs on the north and south sides. While the edges of the roof are wrapped with aluminum flashing, the roof materials are not visible. The roof holds a metal access panel. A set of wood double doors, each with a large, rectangular fixed pane window above three recessed panels, is located on the north (front) elevation. A single six-over-six double hung wood sash window with concrete sill is centrally located on the south elevation.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This small, one-story concrete block structure, built in 1948, originally served as a Pump House for the U.S. Navy housing area on the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). It was identified as "H-23" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "Water Pump House" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "H-23" on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. The structure is located in a somewhat wood area, to the east of Cartledge Road, beyond the fence line that encloses the housing area. It does not appear to be in active use currently.

The building is representative of a secondary structure associated with an aviation/engineering property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945-present) period. The building was one of several structures constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the years following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. Although not currently in use, the building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Water Pump House has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential.

The resource retains its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and feeling. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting and association have been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffles and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
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CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
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